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Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program team receives regional Eagle Award

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program team (David Byrd, Bridgett Costanzo, and Willard Smith) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Virginia Field Office in Gloucester recently received the agency's Eagle Award for their work to protect natural resources. The Virginia Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program team received \$1.4 million to implement the largest forested wetland restoration project east of the Mississippi River. The team's leadership and professionalism are superior, and they have created trust among all stakeholders. The project will enhance habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and more than 200 migratory bird species.

The Service's Eagle Award is presented annually to employees who have made exemplary contributions in customer service, natural resource management, leadership, performance or in teaching and motivating other employees.

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